

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- A vehicle step, side step or running board is provided. One embodiment of the present invention employs a two-piece vehicle step comprising a first step member and a second step member that are structured to be fixedly attached quickly and easily by a consumer. A preferred embodiment of the present invention employs male and female elements that are secured together creating a vehicle step that can extend substantially between the front and rear axles of a full-sized or extended-bed pickup truck or sport-utility vehicle. ~~This abstract is provided for the sole purpose of complying with the Abstract requirement rules that allow a reader to quickly ascertain the subject matter of the disclosure contained herein. This Abstract is submitted with the explicit understanding that it will not be used to interpret or to limit the scope or the meaning of the claims. --~~